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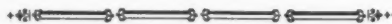
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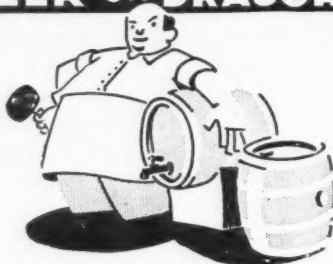
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Facts Versus Gossip

CONVERSATION about sex is admittedly becoming less and less taboo. Young people are becoming more free and unconventional in their conversation. In a great many ways, this is a very healthy situation. It is helping to bring a live issue out of the unexplored darkness of ignorance into the dawn of comprehension.

In his book *Sex and Youth* Sherwood Eddy says, "I believe that there is need today, not of the old appeal to fear, not of ignorance, silence or superstition, but of scientific information applied by rational intelligence." We are attempting to apply that idea, not to the facts about sex in general, but to the specific problem of the physical intimacies of young people today.

We find conversation about this subject less free and much less common than about the general topic of sex. The reason for this is rather apparent. Sex is an objective, distant thing, but necking and petting is an exceedingly subjective and personal topic. It is comparatively easy to find out what people think and what they believe **other people** do, but it is extremely difficult to find out what **they themselves** really do.

In an attempt to elicit confidences from the college students who were questioned about their actions and attitudes in necking and petting, schedules were given them which could be filled out and handed in anonymously. This brought the desired effect, and, for the most part, the answers obtained were frank, vigorous and open confessions of their attitudes and actions. They were refreshingly interesting and as entertaining as a novel.

Too often, in the transference of ideas from those who first penned them to the form in which they are finally to appear, the thoughts of the originators are so modified that the telling thereof seems dead and lifeless as compared to the original. In the reorganization and re-writing of the material it loses its human aspect and becomes a dry and uninteresting discourse.

That is the thought that comes

mainly to our minds as we try to re-interpret into a compendium the attitudes and sentiments of those who answered the questions that we sent out on necking and petting. The material loses its vitality and animation when an attempt is made to reduce it to a statistical form. Although most of the questions were asked so that the student could either check a certain word or answer "yes" or "no," yet the vast majority of them preferred to answer in sentence form. This required more work and a great deal of careful discrimination on the part of those of us who organized the data, yet we were more than compensated for this by the fact that it often revealed sentiments and attitudes which would have been concealed under the very efficient mantle of checked answers and mere "yes's" and "no's." A glimpse at these schedules would prove to be of far more dynamic interest to the majority of people than does our compilation of the total number.

THE METHOD of our research was, however, not one of case studies, but of mass collection of answers to questionnaires. Our generalizations on these results will not have the interest that individual studies would have but will be much more reliable in voicing the sentiment of the majority of students.

For the benefit of those who did not read the article in last month's COUNTRYMAN, and to aid the memory of those who did, we wish to point out that we had made several rather important discoveries as a result of the study of the first questions which were answered. In the first place, we discovered what appeared to be a fairly uniformly recognized defi-

nition of the words necking and petting. The latter was considered to mean almost unlimited intimacies, excluding sexual intercourse, while necking was considered a much milder form of intimacy.

We also discovered that these college students preferred that their daughters should not pet, but were more indulgent in necking, although the great majority of them have tried it and a considerable percentage of them still indulge. Men seemed to have gained greater enjoyment from their first participation in necking and petting than did the girls. And finally, the common sentiment of fellows and girls seems to generally disapprove of necking on a first date and to absolutely censure petting on a first date with anyone who is to become a permanent friend.

The next question turned out to be a very interesting little study in human psychology. It read: "For men—Do you take it for granted that a girl pets with everyone just because she pets with you the first time you go out with her?" The girls were asked, "Do you take it for granted that a man tries to pet with every girl he goes out with simply because he attempts to pet with you the first time you go out with him?" 58% of the men said "yes" and 64% of the girls said "yes" to this question.

THERE was a tendency for both the men and girls to make exceptions in some cases and, in the main, these exceptions consisted largely in the attitude of the person of the opposite sex who was involved. They considered that they could interpret the feeling of the person as to whether he or she were sincere or not in the friendship involved in the process.

The next question was a rather indefinite one. It asked, "What do you think of another person of your own sex who pets promiscuously?" This question was so worded that the student was free to apply almost any attitude and phraseology to the answer. They proceeded to do this with the result that we were required to make some nice distinctions in classifying the answers. This was rather excusa-



ble, considering the type of statement that some people made in answering the question.

56% of the men stated that they disliked a person of this type, while 71% of the girls registered the same emotion. But the striking point in the study of this question was that approximately 44% of the men were either indifferent or thought that it was all right for the other fellow to do as he pleased, while only about 25% of the girls were indifferent. This would tend to prove that the young man who thrust in a written comment in his schedule was right when he said that "boys don't seem to care much what another fellow does along that line."

The answers to our next question were of little use to us in collecting scientific data but were very useful in proving the fallacy of rumor and hearsay. "What percentage of your friends of the same sex as yourself pet promiscuously?" The results of this question look like a glorified conglomeration of these students' estimates of their friends. 45% of the men thought that over 50% of their masculine friends petted promiscu-

ously, while only 14% of the girls had that opinion of their girl friends. The most striking thing about the answer to this question, was the fact that about 18% of the girls did not answer it at all, showing clearly that they did not know.

A comparative study was made of the answers to the two questions asking whether the individual petted or not and whether he or she would want his or her own daughter to indulge. 59% of the men who petted did not want their daughters to do so and 63% of the girls who petted did not want their daughters to indulge. Here we see exposed very nicely one of the frailties of human nature. "Do as I say and not as I do." One may have all sorts of good ideas of what one's offspring should or should not do, but it seems pretty difficult, in the main, to apply these ideas to our own lives.

Anything in the nature of a philosophical theory of all this is entirely out of place in the conclusion of an article of this kind. We can only say that young people may appear to be more radical and seemingly self-indulgent in this modern generation, but they are working out and thinking

out things for themselves. The very way in which they co-operated in the answering of this questionnaire is proof of that. Many of them had apparently done a great deal of thinking before these schedules were handed out and gave their best thought and effort to the wording of their answers.

The present difficulty with regard to necking and petting seems to be that there is no code of approved or disapproved behavior. Many young people have the impression that certain forms of behavior are much more common and are more generally approved than is really the case. Dependence on hearsay tends to exaggerate the behavior of the few and so to unduly influence the behavior of everyone. A better knowledge of how young people actually behave and how they have reacted to their experiences makes it possible for them to profit by their trial-and-error learning.

We hope that by focusing attention on the present-day actions of young people in their physical relationships with those of the opposite sex that we can provoke more thought and study of it, for it is surely a matter of far-reaching social significance.

A Tourist Looks at Modern Germany

Martha Warren '36

GERMANY has always been an interesting nation, but is even more so today. The Germans are a strict, militaristic people, but have also a fine appreciation for the fine arts. Many of the customs are like ours, but the tourist usually notices only the ones that are different. Of course not all Germans follow the same customs, but these are some of the observations of a tourist that may be incorrect.

Eating five or six times a day is an outstanding characteristic of the Germans. A German worker eats his breakfast of coffee, hard rolls, and some sort of jam about seven in the morning. At about ten-thirty he eats "zweite Frühstück," or second breakfast. If he happens to be working with a road gang, he stops work with the others and has his bouillon and rolls at this time. Later he has lunch at two, coffee at five, and dinner at seven-thirty or eight. In the cafes and restaurants, especially on Sunday, the Germans usually spend the afternoon eating. It seems to be the stylish thing and the waiters expect it. After being shown to your seat you wait about fifteen minutes for the menu, another fifteen minutes for your order to be taken, and about half an hour for your first course. The only order that is immediately served

is beer or wine. It is the custom to start eating as soon as served; this is true even at large dinner parties. Upon leaving the table at these occasions, everybody shakes hands and says "gesegnete Mahlzeit," which means "blessed meal," and the gentlemen kiss the hostess's hand. Most Germans eat few vegetables, but a great deal of meat, potatoes, and cheese. Often the only dish available containing a vegetable is a salad, which is usually half dressing rich with oil.

ONE would think the National Socialist Party was still campaigning for Hitler. Everywhere store windows are filled with his pictures. One can buy pins, rings, hunting knives, and almost anything with Hitler's symbol, the "swastika," on it. The German newspapers and "movies" publish nothing against and everything for Hitler; in fact they are all carefully censored. Several English and American newspapers and magazines are sold on the street, although some, including the "Literary Digest" have been banned, and these are read by the cultured and educated Germans, who can read English, in order to learn about what's happening in the world.

Some of Hitler's followers dressed in uniform can be seen almost everywhere at any time. In passing each other on the street they raise the right hand and say "Heil Hitler." It is also becoming a common custom to use the same phrase in answering the telephone and as a substitute for "good-bye." Often his unemployed followers, whose uniforms are given to them on the condition that they pay for them as soon as they again have work, are taken on long walks in the country early in the morning at the end of which a free breakfast is served. This is done to keep the unemployed busy. Much money has been put into parks and free bathing beaches for the same reason.

Although his followers are seen everywhere, Hitler himself seldom appears in public. He does most of his distanced travelling by air. He is greatly admired by most persons who have met him, even Americans opposed to his government. He doesn't drink or smoke and the Germans say he must keep himself well physically because of the work he has to do. However, the average German does not apply this rule to himself. Hitler is not married, but the people are confident that he will marry as soon as he has time.

Up and Down the Campus Paths

A. M. WEIR, '34

DISMAL truth reminds us doggedly that the campus will soon be in the clutches of winter. Investigation into the merits of the meteorological records shows us that the winter sunshine statistics for our Alma Mater reveal the batting average which beats so familiarly on our ear drums, three point two.

For a seemingly endless time now the University has been troubled with the problem of autumn leaves. Like some deadly attack of dandruff the frost has infected the trees with the fatal fault of falling leaves. It would have been all right if the trees had been unanimous and consistent in their action. But not so. One neat downfall would nicely litter the campus, the desperate committee of grounds would get it all under control, and, come the dawn, the usual mass would be nastily strewn over the lawns again. They would lift them up tenderly, wrap them in huge white canvasses and cart them away. Until they did remove them the canvasses looked like voluptuous inverted mushrooms dotting the campus. Practically everyone was assailed by the necessity of resisting the impulse to poke them open, and on Hallowe'en night several people just seem to have lost control in this respect. The thing which first brought this problem of leaves to our attention was the time we saw the janitor at Rand Hall trying to sweep off the steps that lead from it up towards the Chem building. It was one of those spasmodically windy days, and he had just neatly completed his clean sweep when a swishing, swirling, spiral cyclone swooped down and scattered another collection of leaves over the steps. He shook his head resignedly and started at the bottom again. It is just one of those things you have to be philosophical about. We noticed that they were taking down a tree by Goldwin Smith, which is one way of getting around the problem. Meanwhile the two neat lines of oaks extending the length of the Agricultural campus on Tower road hold tenaciously to their leaves, and we squirm in the clutches of the constant threat of these last rows of summer.

One Mr. Chang dropped in casually from China recently, and we were privileged to hear about some of his experiences since leaving Cornell. He majored in Agricultural Economics here, and since his return to China has been doing notable work for the Chinese Government. He has been occupied with compiling an agricul-

tural census of China, and has been having rather a large time of it. Whereas we have been growing haggard, bent, and worn out from mulling around with numbers that someone has already hunted down for us, Chang has been having somewhat of a work-out digging out the original digits for the data. It seems that in China although they do not hesitate to call a spade a shovel there are a lot of other things they are very hazy and indefinite about. There just are no standard measurements; no one knows when a pound is a pound, and the only thing approximating a ruler or yardstick in the whole country is the measuring worm, which isn't always absolutely accurate. So Chang had to be individual in his treatment of the census, and as well as finding out how many acres there were in a farm and all the rest of it, he had to find out how many feet there were to the inch on their yardstick, and how many pounds to the ounce. Somehow or other he has managed to get around all this work, and has even gotten around the personality of the Chinese numbers, that is, the character, which hasn't migrated to statistical machines.

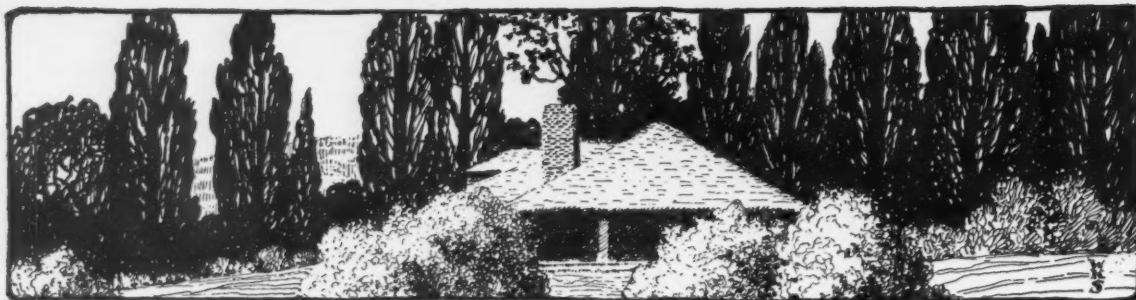
CONFIDENTIALLY we report to you without comment the cryptic remark of one of our professors: "Straight lines are lines of duty; curved lines are lines of beauty." Tsk, —Oh, but we promised that this one would be without comment!

The Mum Ball has made us corsage conscious. Since the floriculture department did the honors for the affair every smooth, saucy, serious, snooty siren present blossomed forth with one. Aside from the time when knighthood was in flower we can't remember anything quite like it. We started ruminating on the history of the thing, but could not think of any quaint impetus that must have originally culminated in this corsage custom. The Greeks thought of the idea before we did. But even if it is an old dog the modern manner has taught it new tricks. For though corsages of

violets used to be the ultra and the only, they are now definitely o-u-t. It is just another case of "cherchez la femme" because it is all their fault. It seems that modern formals being what they aren't, there was not enough material in them to fasten on the voluminous violets. (As we remember it though it was the violets that started this shrinking style.) Just the same we like quantity with quality, and we sigh for the good old days when every fair damsel wore a potted plant and men tucked trees in their button-holes.

WHOEVER it was that decided all humor is based on cruelty seems to have scored several points. For days now we have been groveling with laughter at an experiment of the world's meanest man. It is about some ants who had very vicious habits of diet. It seems that their idea of a good meal is wood, first course to last with steak spelled stake and toothpicks for after dinner mints. We haven't figured out yet what happens to woodpeckers that eat them, but we assume that it is something pretty drastic. These ants make terrible attacks on anything wooden, and after dinner they never leave the table; they eat it. This is their idea of eating at a saving. Some host annoyed by this thrifty habit of theirs tried to figure out some way of changing their diet. A personal interview with the ants revealed that they had not been actually performing the feat of digesting wood, a thing neither humanly or insectly possible. It seems that there was an incumbent parasite attached to the ant which digested the wood for it. So the villian boiled the ants somehow or other and killed the parasite, but lifted the ants out still alive and hungry. Next the monster, master mind put the whole flock, herd or whatever you call ants in the aggregate, in the midst of a big sawdust pile. This has the same results as ringing the dinner gong at a fraternity house, and in two minutes all that was left of the sawdust, a light diet for the ants, was dust. But this gluttonous habit of diet of the ants was their downfall. The parasite was dead, long live the parasite, and the ants having eaten heartily but hastily, suddenly found themselves without their digestive equipment. So right after this operation destined to make them a friend to man they were overcome by writhing paroxysms of pain, and died of indigestion!





Through Our Wide Windows

Economy vs. Efficiency

AT LAST one of our readers built up enough courage to contradict some of our views—the result appears on the opposite page under the title “More Advice.” We welcome it because it shows that student opinions and ideas presented here come to the more or less serious consideration of the “almighty” faculty in reverent awe of whom we live.

Professor MacDaniels’ main point seems to be that our present faculty advisory system, admittedly inadequate, is not used as effectively as it might be by the students. Granted. We still have not been shown how we can force or cajole the “recalcitrant student” into making effective use of an inadequate system. If each student was required to spend two half hour periods with his faculty advisor each term at some time other than registration day, as we previously advocated, the system would be improved. The student who does not realize the importance of planning might be reached before his Senior year when the irrevocable damage is done. The faculty can not improve a system of this kind by calling on the students for cooperation!

Guidance is a matter for individual counseling and is not adapted to the mass treatment of the orientation course which is the best thing Mr. Gibson could make of a bad situation.

But why try to improve a system antiquated before its inauguration, yet installed because it was considered economical in terms of money. Efficient education should obviously be the aim of this institution. To gain that efficiency the college needs a department of vocational guidance which would still be economical in terms of education and would yield more riches than other expenditures which are continually being made!

The department of Rural Education also needs a professor of vocational guidance who has been adequately prepared to instruct particularly the vocational agricultural teachers in guidance. These teachers can then go out and start the future college students thinking about their life work before they enter the portals of this institution. The greatest opportunity for development in this field is in the secondary schools of our state and the teachers in these are prepared here.

We Want Action

LAST year the faculty took a step “in the right direction” when they instructed Dr. Cornelius Betten to ask professors and instructors to be lenient with those students who were taking an active part in the Farm and Home Week activities in respect to the amount of work they require during that week. They did not, however, grant the request of the student petition presented to them, nor did they issue any statement to this publication

or to any individual in which they presented any legitimate argument for retaining the compulsory system of class attendance during Farm and Home Week.

The old argument about the group that does not take an active part in the activities packing its bags and departing homeward will not hold water. All students except those directing the larger projects, might easily be required to turn in notes on several lectures of their own choosing each day to assure attendance. What other arguments are there? A few years ago most of the departments were able to cover their ground without lectures during this week. This plan would force out some of the superfluous material in many courses increasing their value to the student. Who can contradict the statement that there is more practical and educational material available to the average ag student in the special lectures of that week than in the regular classes? Cornell’s Farm and Home Week is noted from coast to coast for the wealth of material it makes available to her visitors. Yet her students are not free to make the most of it.

The students of the ag college evidenced considerable sentiment in regard to this lamentable situation last year and may not stop with this passive policy this year. Professor Wheeler and others stood behind the students in the past. It is imperative that those in power should recommend definite action immediately!

Let us celebrate the hundredth birthday of former Dean I. P. Roberts, that fearless yet sympathetic pioneer in practical agricultural education, with the largest, most practical, most inspiring Farm and Home Week that any Student, Farmer’s Wife or Farmer has ever visited or participated in!

Our Policy

PERHAPS it is in order for us to explain somewhat our editorial policy. In the first place we wish to state that we do not agree with everything that is published in this magazine, either in the feature articles or in our correspondence columns. We will be glad, however, to print any letters or articles which present a legitimate point of view and which will be of interest to our readers. We do not wish to depart from the traditionally staid policy of this magazine, but we do hope to put forward some of the most recent points of view and opinions on the campus to stimulate interest in overcoming our weaknesses and to help us in adapting ourselves to a changing life; not in personally knocking or shocking anyone. Both letters printed in this issue are too long. Future letters for publication must not exceed three hundred words and must be signed, although your name will be withheld from publication on request.

The letters printed in this issue were drastically “cut” to fill the allotted space, for which we now apologize.

THE CORNELL COUNTRYMAN wishes to do four things: publish interesting alumni notes, furnish campus news, present the latest agricultural information and stimulate boys and girls to seek the aid of their State Colleges in order that they may lead fuller and finer lives.

From the Outside

Husbands Wanted!

Dear Editor:

The other day I was in conversation with a central New York business man. He knew that I was from Cornell and turned the conversation that way, remarking that he did not send his daughter to the College of Home Economics at Cornell, because he did not like the teaching policy. "It's definitely wrong," said he, "they influence the girls not to marry. They set up a standard of values which is entirely false, and pass over the true values of American home life almost without notice."

That set up a problem and I determined to investigate a little further. Turning first to the undergraduates, I found them supplied with appropriate quarters for learning "modern house-keeping." Their practice apartments are fitted out with every facility which the man of wealth could procure. "Here," say their instructors, "is what you should require of your future husband. If the man you love cannot supply them, wait until he can, or find someone who has acquired the means."

I also learned that a man whose salary was under three thousand dollars, or twenty-five hundred at the very least, was a "very dangerous suitor." Just think of the depths to which he might drag a girl—no electric refrigerator, no gas or electric range, possibly he might even ask her to cook with wood and wash kerosene lamps. The horror of it!

It might be mentioned that even in the best of times the average college graduate did not attain an income of three thousand dollars until he had been out of college for over five years. And inasmuch as a farmer's income of over two thousand was the exception rather than the rule, even in the best farming sections during boom times, and since something over seventy-five per cent of farm homes do not have electricity available, it is clear that OUR STATE COLLEGE HAS NO INTENTION OF TRAINING FARMERS' WIVES.

Then how about the graduate students? What advances have they made over their younger sisters? I found they had learned:

- (1) That men criticize women for being too highly emotional to make a success in a profession;
- (2) That to be truly professional one must eliminate every vestige of emotion;
- (3) Therefore, that if they are to be true to woman's prestige in the professional field, they must eliminate every whit of human

sympathy, view all matters in a "purely professional" light, and and above all, **ABSTAIN FROM ASSOCIATION** with the opposite sex. A graduate student who associates with men is viewed askance by the faculty. It is impossible to associate with men and devote one's best effort to professional training. **THE BEST TEACHERS OF HOME-MAKING ARE THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE AND NEVER HAVE HAD ANY ASSOCIATION WITH MEN.**

Just why should the tax-payers choose to continue to allow their daughters to be taught their ideals of home life by a group of women who have never had homes, and most of whom have proven themselves **TOO SELFISH** to marry? I, for one, am all for requiring that each and every member of the staff find herself a husband within thirty days, in order that she may some day learn those values of a home which are not measured in terms of electric refrigerators. As an alternative, it might be well to fire the whole crowd and procure in their places women as well educated who have been wise enough to experience the building of a home, and who will not make the error of setting up a standard which very, very few even of the worthiest young men can meet during those years in which they most need companionship in the struggle.

Yours very truly,
AN OLD GRAD.

More Advice

Dear Editor:

I was much interested in the recent editorial entitled "Can the Profs. Advise?," partly because it indicated an interest on the part of a student in an important phase of the work of the college, partly because it was an expression of student opinion, and possibly most of all because it opens the way for a discussion of the subject which may be of value to all concerned.

One of the points made, if I understand the article correctly, is that the

professors lack the training and technique for vocational guidance. Personally, I plead complete ignorance for any system or technique of guidance that would be of any real assistance in the situation in question.

As I see the situation, the administration of the College of Agriculture has made a real consistent effort to give suitable guidance. In the orientation course, an attempt is made to effectively present the different fields of endeavor that are open to students in agriculture and to give the opportunities in each. The "secretary in charge of vocational guidance and placement" is an officer who is in a position to discuss the general phases of guidance and put students in touch with the men who are actually doing the work of the world, and the individual faculty advisors are qualified to aid the student in shaping a course that will prepare him for a given objective in their own fields. Admittedly, the system is not so complete or effective as it might be, nor are the curricula offered satisfactory in all respects. The point should be made, however, that the present system is not functioning as well as it could, nor can any system function without the cooperation of the students themselves. It is worse than useless to try to ram any system of guidance down a recalcitrant student's neck.

As a faculty advisor for a number of student generations, it seems to me that it is frequently the student's own fault if he fails to get proper help in mapping out a course of study in any given field. Many departments have formulated courses of study covering the whole four years which lead directly to a definite objective. The advisors in agriculture are, many of them, my intimate friends and I know that they would not refuse to discuss courses of study at any time with any student who would take the trouble to come and do so. One real difficulty is that for the most part the only students that the professor ever sees are those who have received notice of scholarship delinquencies and who come in to see what can be done, mostly after it is too late in the term to do anything at all.

This letter has already rambled on too long, yet there are phases of the problem not touched. The one point that should be reiterated and emphasized is that our present system, inadequate as it may be, is not being used effectively by the students of the college.

Sincerely,
L. H. MacDANIELS,
Dept. of Pomology.





Former Student Notes

'02

Mr. L. H. Moulton, former superintendent of the University Farms, is now superintending a certified milk farm at Erie, Pa., besides maintaining his farms at East Aurora and Cuba, N. Y.

'06

D. R. Marble is now Professor of Poultry Husbandry at Penn State. He obtained his doctor's degree at Cornell.

'08

Charles V. Cronk, WC, of Gorham visited the campus with his family recently. Since leaving here he has been superintendent of the Cohocton Dairy Company.

'12

Gustavus E. Bentley is principal of the Washington Junior High School, Jamestown, N. Y. He has two children, Ruth (Arts '36) and Gustavus, jr., who intends to come to Cornell.

Floyd V. Cothran is married and has five children. He runs his own fruit farm at Gasport, N. Y.

Silas Newton Stimson '12 has recently gone in for local politics. On November 7, he defeated his opponent by a two to one majority for his re-election as supervisor of the Town of Spencer and Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Tioga County. "Stimmy" also is becoming famous for the fine show herd of Ayrshires he has been developing and exhibiting for the past six years. He showed the Grand Champion Ayrshire bull at the New York State Fair this fall.

'14

R. F. Bucknan is an expert on rural electrification working with the Public Service Commission at the State Office Building, Albany.

Dr. Roy L. Gillett is chief of the Bureau of Statistics and an expert of Agriculture and Markets. He lives at Slingerlands, Green, N. Y.

Ray Huey is Associate Statistician of the State Department of Agriculture and Markets. He lives at Voor-

heesville, N. Y. He has three children.

Harold "Hank" Keyes is in charge of a school farm and is teaching Agriculture at Berkshire School, Cannan, N. Y.

'15

Luther Banta of 7 Allen Street, Amherst, Mass., writes that the name of the former Massachusetts Agricultural College has been changed to Massachusetts State.

'16

B. W. Kinne, former business manager of the Countryman, is in the advertising department of the Better Homes and Gardens. He is living at Briarcliff Manor, N. Y.

Mr. J. Louis Neff has been made executive secretary of the Nassau County Medical Society. He has two sons, James, born July 12, and Louis, jr., born two and a half years ago. Mr. Neff's business address is 457 Franklin Ave., Mineola. His residence is East Williston, N. Y.

'17

Bertram J. Rogers is 4-H Extension Leader in St. Lawrence County and is living at Canton, N. Y.

H. N. Young, head of the department of Agricultural Economics at Virginia Polytechnic at Blacksburg, Va., is now on leave of absence while inspecting the appraisal methods for the federal land bank of Baltimore.

'18

William D. Comings is carrying on at the New York office of the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company. His address is Room 1304, 230 Park Ave., New York City.

Fred B. Merrill has been with the Mississippi State Forestry Commission for the last four years. His address is 746 Manship, Jackson, Miss.

'22

Clifford M. Buck still lives at Salt Point, N. Y., where he is farming. He and Mrs. Buck have three children, all girls.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Hoffman announce the marriage of their daughter

Eugenia Isabelle to Dr. Henry Rush-ton Recht, a graduate of Pennsylvania and Columbia Universities.

'23

Dr. Barbara McClintock, possessor of a Guggenheim Scholarship, is now in Germany doing research work.

'24

Henry T. Buckman writes that he is still trying to afford the luxury of fruit growing in Hakima, Washington.

Burton A. "Burt" Leffingwell is married and raises exhibition poultry stock on his farm at Canaan, Conn. Mr. and Mrs. (Ethel Cole '26) Leffingwell have two children, a boy and a girl.

Doris Watsford is back in the College of Home Economics after having been Home Demonstration Agent in Niagara County for four years.

'25

Walter R. Cole is married and lives at Canaan, Conn., where he maintains a poultry farm. There are three children in the Cole family.

Wm. Louis Falk was recently married to Louisa Margaret Fox in Milwaukee.

Mrs. Wm. E. Sipple (Olive Hoeft), who has been engaged in seed testing work at the Geneva Experiment Station for two and one half years is now doing graduate work at Cornell.

William R. Needham and "Vic" Grotmann run a hotel advertising agency at 11 W. 42nd St., New York City. Mr. and Mrs. Needham (Cecelia Coad '17) are the proud possessors of a son, James William.

J. D. Nelson has been employed since graduation in the 24th Street plant of the Horton Ice Cream Company and has been transferred to the Reid Ice Cream Plant at Waverly Avenue, Brooklyn, which is another subsidiary of the Pioneer Ice Cream Brands Incorporated. Mr. Nelson is in the production department. He visited the campus on October 12th.

H. S. Palmer is Extension Specialist for the State of Delaware. He lives in Newark.

'26

R. M. Goodelle does dairy herd improvement testing in Cayuga County. He lives at Weedsport, N. Y.

L. Peter Ham who has been working in Chicago, has recently accepted a position with the Federal Land Bank, at Springfield, Mass.

Elton K. Hanks was recently appointed Farm Bureau Agent of Seneca County. His address is Romulus, N. Y.

Philip Highley is at the Farm Bureau office at Binghamton, N. Y. He is Broome County Agent.

'27

Elton S. Tibbitts is the dairy herd improvement association tester in Dutchess County. He is located at the Farm Bureau Office in Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

'28

Fuller Baird is in charge of the biological laboratory of the National Oil Products Company, Harrison, N. J. Last November he married the former Miss Althea Hopper, of Nutley. The couple are living in Montclair, N. J.

Cameron Garman who recently received his PhD., is working on production credit in the farm credit administration at Washington.

G. H. Gibson runs a pig and poultry farm.

Claude E. "Claudius" Heit is now at Saratoga State Nursery. On January 21st he was married to Miss Mabel Westendorf of Lyons. Address mail c/o State Nursery, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

Kenneth Howlett and Mildred E. Whiting were married on November 4 at the home of the bride's parents at Albion, N. Y. Mr. Howlett is serving as a land bank appraiser in the fruit region of western New York. It is reported with some degree of authority that his job takes so much of his time that he missed only half a day when he was married.

Charles W. "Matty" Mattison is superintendent of C. C. C. camp No. 12, under N. Y. State Conservation Department.

James Pettingil is a land bank appraiser in the fruit region of western New York and is living in Rochester.

C. O. R. "Rudt" Spalteholz started a new kind of nursery upon the arrival of a daughter, Clara Maria, on July 11. The other is for plants and shrubs at Newark, N. Y.

'29

A. Emil Alexander received his PhD. at Cornell this September. He majored in mineralogy and petrography. His study at Cornell followed one year at the University of North Carolina, and one year on a fellowship in mineralogy at Harvard

University (1932). He is living in Buffalo at 159 Goulding Avenue.

Archie W. Budd is managing fourteen thousand acres of timberland in Clay County, Middleburg, Florida.

'30

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Rawlins announce the birth of a daughter, Elizabeth, on October 5. They are living at 114 Eddy Street, Ithaca, N. Y.

Walter S. Schait is living at 214 Thurston Ave., Ithaca, while he is performance inspector working in co-operation with the N. Y. S. Official Poultry Breeders, Inc.

Arthur T. Thro of Hagerstown, Md., and Isabel L. Towson, '31, were married recently.

'31

J. Stewart Smith of Lincoln, Va., is the proud father of a daughter, Louisa, born September 25, 1932.

Milton C. Smith is the resident manager of an apartment hotel at 33 W. 51st Street, N. Y. C. He and Margaret Wilkinton (Arts '32) were married August 31, 1933 in Sage Chapel.

Ethel Wallace is teaching Home Economics at Sharon Springs, N. Y. Address Box 827.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Warren and their two children have moved to Walton, N. Y., where Mr. Warren has taken up his duties as Assistant County Agent.

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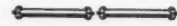


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AG-DOMECON ASSOCIATION HOLDS RECORD GATHERING

The Ag-Domecon Association held a get-together party, on Tuesday evening, November 14, in the new Agricultural Economics building. There were over four hundred people in attendance and veterans among the professors said that it was the largest meeting of the association in the past four years. The assembly filled the Main Lecture room to overflowing, the aisles were filled with auxiliary chairs, and the crowd extended out into the hallways from both the main and balcony entrances.

Everett C. "Ev" Lattimer, President of the Association, opened the meeting with a few remarks fittingly addressed to the assembly as a whole and supplemented by a special word of welcome to Short Course students. Mr. Lattimer then, with the aid of a few pleasantries, introduced "Ken" Hood, graduate student in agricultural economics, as master of ceremonies for the evening. Mr. Hood's genial manner and ready wit, together with a tendency toward the use of "ten dollar words," created a favorable impression and he succeeded in carrying out his part in exemplary fashion.

Professor McDaniels led the singing of Cornell songs during the evening.

Prof. Rice Goes Into the Past

Professor J. E. "Jimmy" Rice was first on the program with a series of interesting picture slides of early days at Cornell which he made doubly interesting by his able descriptions. Even with the limited facilities of 47 years ago, Professor Rice stated that Cornell was the outstanding agricultural college of that period. His talk and illustrations were highly inspirational in that they served to show what has been achieved from such a small beginning by the untiring perseverance of faculty men and others. As usual, Professor Rice captivated the audience with his inimitable and characteristic remarks.

Professor Charles Taylor delivered a few fitting remarks. Several young ladies, of the College of Home Economics, assisted by young men from the College of Agriculture, enacted a pleasing comic pantomime of the Captain John Smith-Pocahontas episode. Miss "Betty" Bell, elocutionist, "Dick" Rozelle and Harold Noakes with their guitars, and Duane Gibson with his lariat contributed nicely to the evening's entertainment.

Dancing Completes Evening

After the program in the Lecture Room, the scene of activities was changed to the Seminar Room where dancing and refreshments were enjoyed, the festivities closing at 12:00 o'clock. The committee should be proud of their success and their efforts should be further rewarded by

increased student support and more memberships. The Association is the unifying bond for all upper campus clubs, is the main social unit for the ag campus, and it supports ag athletics. Memberships are now being sold at reduced prices.



HENRY MORGENTHAU, JR.

CORNELLIANS HONORED BY ADMINISTRATION

The appointment of Henry Morgenthau Jr. of the class of '14 as Undersecretary of the Treasury and Acting Secretary during the recuperation of Secretary Woodin again brings Cornell and the College of Agriculture to the fore in the councils of the nation.

The stepping up of Mr. Morgenthau by the administration left a gap that still another Cornelian fills. Dr. William I. Myers '14, Professor of farm management, was sworn in as Governor of the Farm Credit Administration to succeed Mr. Morgenthau, whose assistant he has been since the creation of this credit body. Professor Myers was called to Washington early last spring, and getting a leave of absence from the College, has remained as first assistant and now Governor of this agricultural credit body.

Although no official position in the administration is held by Professor G. F. Warren '03, it is evident that his advice and theory are behind the administration's financial policies. Long an exponent of the commodity dollar, Professor Warren can now see his policies put into effect. The present gold buying activities of the government are the first moves in the establishment of the commodity dollar.

At press time word comes of the hurry call of the administration for a man from the department of rural social organizations. Howard W. Beers '28 taught his classes in the morning and left for Washington in the afternoon to work with Dr. E. L. Kirkpatrick on research for the Emergency Relief Administration. The work will take six months and will consist of studies of the cost of living in several states.

SOPHOMORE CROWNED QUEEN AT MUM BALL

Before a crowd of over four hundred people, Miss Marjorie S. Kane '36, Sigma Kappa, was selected as the Fall Blossom Queen of Cornell at the Mum Ball in Willard Straight Hall, November third. To Prof. C. L. Durham '98, Prof. Edward Lawson '09, and D. C. McCasky '34, fell the difficult task of picking the most beautiful co-ed from the twelve who sought the title. When the choice was finally made, Professor Durham escorted Miss Kane to her throne of the evening, which was a masterpiece of floral art, decorated in fall colors with oak leaves and chrysanthemums. The Sigma Kappa girl was then presented with the gifts of the evening, a pair of boudoir lamps, and tickets to any theater in town for the week-end.

Part of the decorations featured the new white chrysanthemum, "Charles W. Johnston"; this flower was bred by E. D. Smith of Adrian, Mich., and named in honor of the president of The American Chrysanthemum Society. This was the first display of this new flower in the East.

Music was furnished by Hal Mead's popular recording orchestra from 9:30 until 1:30; other entertainment of the evening featured a quartet of male voices, from the Cornell Glee Club, composed of R. R. Hopper '34, V. C. Squires '34, E. D. Vanderburg '35, and J. H. Bauer '35.

The general committee in charge of the ball were M. F. Untermeyer, J. K. Merkel, H. C. Peterson, M. C. Pritchard, and V. L. Bishop, all of the class of '34.

INSECT COLLECTION GETS NEW BUILDING

The largest and most valuable collection of insects in the world, second only to that of the United States Museum is being moved from Roberts Hall to its new quarters in the former home economics building. This collection was begun by Professor J. H. Comstock '74 while he was a student at Cornell. It contains some of the rarest species in the world. There are 4,500 cases of insects, many of the species having been discovered by Cornellians. The move to the new building will provide the valuable collection with a fireproof home. The Entomology Library will also be housed in the same building.

Professor G. W. Herrick of the entomology department, stated that it would be appropriate to name the new headquarters "Comstock Hall."

TWO CLUBS COMBINE IN EVENING'S FESTIVITIES

On Friday evening, November 11, the 4-H Club held a party and dance in Fernow Hall. The Forestry Club was likewise holding a dance in another room at Fernow. During the course of the evening, they joined forces and a real gala occasion ensued.

CORNELL INSTRUCTOR MAKES TRIP TO POLE

Mr. Alton A. Lindsey, an instructor and graduate student in the Department of Botany here at Cornell for the past four years, has gone with Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd on his second Antarctic Expedition. Mr. Lindsey is going as one of the two biologists of the expedition, the other being the famed boy scout of the former expedition, Paul Siple.

The acceptance of Mr. Lindsey's application came as a surprise to him. He filed his application two years ago, after hearing that Rear Admiral Byrd was to make another expedition to the Antarctic. He was intensely interested in the first expedition which Byrd made to the bottom of the world.

Mr. Lindsey left Ithaca September 16, and sailed from Boston on the S. S. Jacob Rupert, a supply ship, on September 25. He is not sure whether he will spend the winter encamped on ice or join the settlement and await more favorable weather. The chief work he expects to do is from the standpoint of collector, hoping to bring back flora and fauna. He will concentrate upon the collection of lichens, algae, and floating organisms, both animal and plant, which are technically known as plankton. Mr. Lindsey is also interested in bird life of the Antarctic having done some work here in ornithology.

Mr. Lindsey hopes to return to Cornell after the voyage is over and complete his work for his degree of Doctor of Philosophy. He spent the summer in Mount Rainier National Park, in Washington as a ranger naturalist studying plant life in the far west. He was one of a party which this summer scaled Mount Rainier, which has an altitude of 14,108 feet.

Mr. Lindsey came here following his graduation from Allegheny College at Meadville, Pa., four years ago.

COUNTRYMAN OPENS FALL COMPETITION

In the Countryman office in Fernow Hall, at seven-thirty, Thursday evening, October 19, one Junior, fourteen Sophomores, and six Freshmen tossed their hats into the ring of competition for election to the board of the CORNELL COUNTRYMAN. The shot heard 'round the world awakened no more enthusiasm or activity than the opening meeting of the competitors. Potential energy turned kinetic and the competitors proved themselves true disciples of the three V's—vim, vigor, and vitality.

Seven ventured into the world of business and are soliciting advertisements and subscriptions. Fourteen applied their literary ability to writing news articles and are now climbing the heights to editorial fame. Election to the board is certain proof of ability, energy and interest for the competition is "keen," and each competitor is determined to fight to the finish. Elections are based on a system of points. At present Audrey Harkness '36 is leading the girls with a score of 675, and Jack Spaven '36 is leading the boys with a score of 943.

The business competitors are:

Mr. A. E. Bailey '36, Mr. Gordon M. Cairns '36, Mr. Edmund Hoffman '37, Miss Erna Kley '36, Miss Marian B. Potter '36, Mr. Wendell Wheeler '36, Mr. Carl Widger '36.

The editorial competitors are:

Miss Jean Cole '36, Miss Audrey Harkness '36, Miss Claire Kelley '37, Miss Greta Moulton '37, Miss Catherine Stainken '36, Mr. Ernest Cole '36, Mr. Jesse Dalrymple '37, Mr. Clarence Beal '35, Mr. Jack Spaven '36, Mr. Clinton Stimson '36, Mr. R. A. Treat '36, Mr. Edgar Wagoner '37, Mr. Elwin Keech '36, Mr. Ivan Warren '37.

FLORICULTURE CLUB MEETS

The Floriculture Club met in the Seminar Room of Plant Science, Tuesday evening, November 14, and heard the story of Mrs. Mussolini, a Columbine Borer, who greatly aided the advance of science by laying about 500 eggs in 17 days. Miss Griswold, economic entomologist, gave this amusing talk on her work and its value to everyday green life. Miss Griswold also works on the Iris Borer, which glues its eggs securely to the leaf making trouble in removing them.

PROFESSOR POLSON ADDRESSES 4-H CLUB

The University 4-H Club held a meeting in Barnes Hall, Monday evening, November 13. A short business meeting was opened by John Merchant, the Club president. Harry Kitts, the secretary, gave a financial report showing that the Club was in good financial condition. The remainder of the evening was turned over to Mr. R. A. Polson, Extension Assistant Professor of Rural Sociology, who led a discussion on the development of leadership through 4-H Club work.

Professor Polson pointed out the several types of leadership, mentioning in particular the specialization leaders, the professional leaders, and the voluntary leaders. He stated that, while 4-H Club work does develop leadership to a certain extent, more stress is laid on project work than on leadership. During the course of his discussion, he pointed out that students in college were exceptionally fortunate in the opportunities afforded them in specially designed leadership courses as well as the advantage of practice application through actual participation in college activities.

STUDENTS REGISTER FOR SHORT COURSES

One hundred and nineteen students have registered in the short winter courses in the college of agriculture at Cornell this fall. These figures show an increase of twenty pupils over the 1932-33 registration, and bring the total number of students registered in the college of agriculture to 1038.

Dairy and general agriculture courses lead this year with thirty-six students each; while poultry husbandry has twenty-three; flower growing, sixteen; fruit growing, six; and vegetable crops, with two, completes the registration by departments.

Tompkins County is well represented with twelve students, while Monroe and Dutchess Counties follow close behind with seven and six respectively.

The G. L. F. poultry scholarship was won this year by Henry T. Eldred of Broome County; the G. L. F. dairy scholarship was taken by Franklin S. Kelder, of Ulster County; the Beatty scholarships were given to Nelson H. Adams and Ralph R. Davis.

NEW AGASSIZ CLUB HOLDS TWO MEETINGS

The reorganized Agassiz Club met at McGraw Hall, Thursday, October 26, with Professor J. G. Jenkins of the psychology department as the speaker of the evening. His subject was forgetting, which he defined as an active blocking or rubbing out of memory due to the nature and time of interpolating materials and altered stimulating conditions. Forgetting is necessary, there are so many things which are unimportant or disagreeable. Most forgetting occurs within an hour from the time mind registers the idea. Then the process slows down and proceeds at a slower rate during the next few hours. Thus we are apt to retain the thought which we remember several days, but unless it is occasionally reviewed it will slip from mind eventually.

The value of sleep before examinations is apparent when we learn that sleep and rest improve the memory considerably, whereas insistent repetitions cause loss of memory. The mind forgets twice as rapidly while we are awake as when asleep. No one, according to Professor Jenkins, remembers exactly what he is told. If you don't believe it ask anyone who has corrected examinations.

On Thursday, November 8, Professor Robert Matheson of the entomology department gave a talk on ticks. The meeting was held as usual in McGraw Hall at eight o'clock in the evening. The relationship of ticks to human disease was discussed. Professor Matheson told about the Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever which is very puzzling to the scientific worker. This disease has recently spread to the eastern states. A single tick may infect 10,000 people. Thularemia, the disease of rabbits, is carried by ticks. This disease is often contracted by man as well as animals.

Victor Schmidt '34, is president of the club and Bobb Schaeffer is secretary. Meetings are held every other Thursday in McGraw Hall. A varied program with interesting speakers has been planned.

NEW GRADING SYSTEM GOES INTO EFFECT

This year Cornell University adopts the numerical system of grading. The faculties of the various colleges met last July and rendered this decision. All grades are to be reported to the registrar as heretofore, but in numbers, not letters.

In the past some colleges used the letter system, some the numerical, and some a combination. The greatest confusion was between the Colleges of Arts and Sciences and the Colleges of Home Economics and Agriculture. Four letters represented the area above passing in the College of Arts and Sciences, while five letters represented the same area in the Colleges of Home Economics and Agriculture. Under this system a student in Home Economics, or Agriculture receiving a B held substantially a higher grade than the student in Arts and Sciences receiving a B. These marks were not the same, and there was no way of putting them on an equal plane.

Under the new system, with letters abolished, the numerical grades will be on an equal plane. Grades may range from zero to one hundred, while sixty will mark the passing grade.

PLANT PATHOLOGISTS HOLD GET-TO-GETHER

The plant pathology department staged a get-together in the Seminar Room of the Plant Science Building on Saturday evening, November 4th. A dinner was served to over 90 guests. With the exception of the roast beef, which was cooked at Domecon, the dinner was prepared by the men of the department. The menu comprised tomato juice cocktail, roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, hot rolls, pineapple and cottage cheese salad, apple pie, cheese, and coffee.

After the dinner, the evening was spent in gambling. Fifty dollars was issued to each person present, and the winning and losing began. Roulette, Black Jack, Poker, and other games were played at the various tables. Stealing was permitted, and, in his capacity as sheriff, Professor M. F. Barrus, Extension Professor of Plant Pathology, was kept busy pinching people and keeping order.

Among the guests were Dean Ladd '12 and Mrs. Ladd, Professor R. S. Kirby '22 and Mrs. Kirby, Dr. George Zundel and Mrs. Zundel, Professor M. T. Munn and Mrs. Munn, Professor F. C. Stewart and Mrs. Stewart, Professor J. G. Horsfall and Mrs. Horsfall. Professor Kirby, who received his doctor's degree from Cornell in 1922, is the acting chief of extension plant pathology at Penn State, and Dr. Zundel, who studied here from 1913-15, is connected with the same department. Professor Munn and Professor Stewart are professors of botany and research in the Experiment Station at Geneva, New York. Professor Horsfall is Assistant Professor of botany and associate in research, also at Geneva.

KERMIS FEATURES PLAY FOR NEW DEAL BINGE

Something new has hit the upper campus. Just as the college has cooperated with the national government through its able economists and sociologists two organizations within that college will unite temporarily for mutual advantage and a good time for everyone who comes out. On the evening of December 14, the Ag-Domecon Association and Kermis, ag dramatic club, will entertain all connected with ag and home economics and their friends.

It is altogether fitting that such a function should serve to open the new home economics auditorium. The stage is readily visible from all corners and the floor is scrumptiously adapted for the patrons of Terpsichore.

After the huge success of the get-together on November 14, the Ag-Domecon Association is well qualified to arrange a spicy program. Duane Gibson '34 will be in charge. The feature attraction will be Isabel McReynolds Gray's "A Mad Breakfast," presented by the Kermis players. Perhaps the funniest one-act play ever written, this hilarious farce deals with what happened when Jones and Miss Brown, practical jokers, told each of the "guests" at their boarding house that Mr. Long, a wealthy visitor, was specially interested in their individual hobbies. Long is told the house is an insane asylum. The results are a riot. "You must c'm out'n see it!"

The cast includes Edna Shelley, Florence Cohen, Marjorie Brunt, and Lillian Eccleston, all of '37, Doris

CAMPUS CHATS

OUR ATHLETIC CONTRIBUTIONS

Every fall the upper campus sends to "Gloomy Gil" Dobie the cream of her pigskin crop, and they do their best to make football history for our Alma Mater. In the past years such gridiron giants as "Gib" Cool, '16; J. E. O'Hern, '17; George Lectur, '22; and Abe George, '33, have been notable examples of the type of men the upper campus has delivered to the Big Red Team. To have such men on our campus has given the upper colleges a greater respect in the eyes of some of the high hat schools west of Bailey Hall, who used to have the opinion that the only things the colleges of Hotel Administration and Agriculture turned out were well trained bell boys and plow jockies.

This year's team has also been greatly benefited by the action of our boys who have carried the pigskin for the Carnelian and White. A. S. Frederick '35, R. S. Grant '34, Harry Shaub '34, C. A. Wilsie '34, G. C. Rankin '35, H. F. Nunn '36, F. J. Politi '36, F. A. Rotondi '36, all of Agriculture, and Johnny Ferraro '34, F. J. Irving '35, G. M. Hand '34, D. E. Anderson '35, P. M. Nelson '35, W. D. Switzer '35, of Hotel Administration, are the fourteen Dobiemen from the upper campus this season.

Not only in football do we surpass the lower campus but in all the other sports on the hill; we send the captains of basketball, wrestling, baseball, track, cross country, and soccer from our schools.

In athletic activities we have now gained the recognition which we merit, what we now need is a few good upper campus politicians, who will show the university that we can manage student affairs as well as we can exhibit our prowess in the sports. WE CAN DO IT! So let's get our platforms ready and start the term elections off with a string of victories!

ONE STUFFED CHICKEN AND NOTHING BUT ROE

Miss Mary Malley '35, succeeded in getting the attention of Professor Peabody's class in public speaking.

She gave a speech one day on the desirability of a course in home economics. A newly wed housewife living next to the Malley home attempted to cook her first chicken. Unfortunately she had no training in cooking. A short time after putting the bird in the oven she came rushing into the Malley house and announced tearfully that the chicken was giving off a very bad smell.

"But what did you stuff it with," asked Miss Malley.

"Oh," replied the cook, "it was already stuffed."

Miss Malley also spoke on the narrow interests of some students. One boy she knew was only interested in fish eggs. He spent all his time collecting and studying fish eggs—nothing else interested him—and he was such a nice looking boy.

Rathbun and Eleanor Smith '35, Lewis George and Norman Rasch '37, John Bentley '36, and Ronald St. John '35. The play is under the direction of Lawrence Voss, of the Cornell Dramatic Club.

WILD CANADA GEESE STOP AT SANCTUARY

Professor Arthur A. Allen '16, reports that five wild Canada geese have joined the flock of fourteen tame geese at the sanctuary at the head of Cayuga Lake. The birds while in the refuge display none of their customary wariness.

For several years a pair of wing-clipped Canada geese have nested in the sanctuary. They diligently guard the nest against intruders and succeed in rearing several young. During the autumn the young fly about the head of the lake. Two years ago some of them joined a flock of passing geese and flew south for the winter months, but they returned in the spring.

The loss of fear is not confined to the geese in the pond. Every winter flocks of wild ducks come in to the pond to eat the corn distributed for the tame ducks. The majority rise into the air with a roar of wings when anyone approaches. But not until one is very close and claps his hands will the braver fowl leave. Yet when the birds are beyond the confines of the sanctuary they are exceedingly wary. At any rate wild ducks and geese are not responsible for the term "as silly as a goose"—ask any duck or goose hunter.

COUNTRYMAN STAFF SPONSORS PROGRAM

This year the radio program has been carried on as an activity of the Countryman. This program is arranged by the members of the staff and presented every Saturday over station WESG between one and one-fifteen o'clock. The arrangement of the program is directed by M. F. "Milt" Untermeyer Jr. '34 and "Larry" Clark '33 and consists of either a musical presentation or an interesting talk by one of the students. It has been presented for several weeks and will be continued for the remainder of the college year. It is a student program and not only offers the chance for those with talent to entertain but also gives the alumni a weekly check on what goes on back at Ithaca.

SMITHS IN FIRST PLACE IN C. U. DIRECTORY RACE

Do you know that there are more Smiths at Cornell than anyone else, forty-seven of them to be exact; Mr. and Mrs. Smith certainly believe in giving their children a college education. Their nearest rival is not, as we would expect, the Jones family, but the Millers, who boast of having thirty-four of the descendants of the original Miller studying (?) at our Alma Mater. Keeping up with the Jones' seems to be a thing of the past, and now the object is to keep way ahead of them; this has been easily accomplished by the Browns, the Davises, the Williams, and the Wilsons, as a study of the **Cornell's Who's Who**, or what is commonly known to undergraduates as **The Directory of The University**, will show you.

The famous John Doe has not a single representative to carry his moniker through our halls of learning. Perhaps the innumerable legal procedures which he has been dragged unwillingly through has so badly drained his pocketbook that he cannot even afford to rear a family, much less to send his namesakes to college.

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DOMECON DANCE PROVES CLUB'S SOCIAL ABILITY

The Home Economics Club gave their first dance November 17 in Riskey Recreation room. The social committee, Rhea Brown, '35, and Marie E. Shriver, '35 and Betty Lawrence, '35, organized a system to get dates for the girls who wanted them and planned the novelty dances such as the Virginia reel and other popular folk dances.

The publicity committee was Elizabeth D. Donovan '35, Mary Pratt '37, Helen Fellows '37, and Nina M. Huguenor '37.

Mrs. Cornelius Betten, Miss H. M. Hauck, Professor and Mrs. B. A. Adams, and Miss Olga Brucher were chaperons.

Club Downs Old Title

The club is undertaking to make the title "She is only a home economics student" obsolete on the campus. This attitude has been taken by some of the students in the other colleges. The upper classmen who have had enough courses in clothing and foods and other departments in the college are to advise any member on puzzling situations as to the proper solution of her needs. Alma Hipwood '34, and Mildred A. Strohsahl '35, are acting as chairmen of this group. Suitable conversation under certain circumstances and correct etiquette are other topics for discussions.

DOMECON STUDENTS PROMINENT AT PICNIC

The Freshmen women held their annual picnic on Beebe Lake, at 5:00 o'clock Thursday, November 2. Miss Louise Davis, chairman, was assisted by Helen Fry, H. E., cheer leader, and Helena Palmer, H. E., song leader. Marjorie Brunt, H. E., was chairman of the refreshment committee, which consisted of Margaret Chase, H. E., Kerstin Traube, H. E., Mary Louman, Helen Saunders, H. E., Mary Couch, H. E., and Jean Bredbenner. Natalie Chilvers and Jane Sterling were in charge of fires; Alice Guttman was chairman of head bands; and Dorothy Pelzer was chairman of posters.

Although the picnic was for members of the class of '37 exclusively, the Sophomores arrived while refreshments were being served. The Freshmen, however, withstood their attack, and, as a climax, serenaded the Women's Dormitories with their class songs and cheers.

DOMECON PROFESSOR VISITS EXPOSITION

Miss Beulah Blackmore, Professor in the College of Home Economics, spent the weekend of November 17, 18, and 19, in New York City at the Hotel Exposition. Miss Blackmore visited the exposition especially to see the new types of hotel textiles and the new methods of furnishing the guest rooms.

CO-ED SOCIAL COMMITTEE FOR WILLARD STRAIGHT

Miss Edith Ouzts, hostess of Willard Straight Hall, has organized a Women's Activity Committee for 1933-34, to act as assistant hostesses for the parties and teas given at the Straight during the year. Florence H. Gordon, '34, Ruth Ryerson, '35, Elizabeth D. Donovan, '35, Marjorie S. Kane, '36, Marcia Brown, '37, and Jessie H. Reisner, '37 of Domecon are six of the twelve members of the committee.

The committee made the plans for the Willard Straight freshmen women's party and the Thanksgiving party both of which were given at this hall. Any suggestions for teas or parties or any other form of social entertainment will be accepted by this group which is trying to bring a closer relationship among Cornell women.

NEW CLOTHING HOSPITAL HELPS REPAIR CLOTHES

Under the leadership of Miss Humphrey, instructor in Home Economics, the students in the Clothing Department have organized a clothes hospital which is located in Room 226 of Martha Van Rensselaer Hall. The hospital is open on Friday afternoons from three to five o'clock, and on Saturday mornings from half past eight to eleven o'clock.

Any girl who so desires may bring her dresses, coats or hats, and clean them herself under the expert direction of the students present. There is a small charge of from ten to twenty-five cents per garment for the use of cleaning fluid and machines.

If the girl has a clothing problem which she would like to discuss, the participating students will be glad to help her solve it.

FLORAL DECORATIONS FOR THE WINTER

Miss Lucille Smith of the Department of Floriculture spoke in Martha Van Rensselaer Hall, November sixth and seventh, on *The Use of Flowers for Decoration in the Home During the Winter Season*.

For early in the season, she suggested that autumn foliage and berries such as the Japanese barberry or the snowberry be used. For all during the season, she recommended straw flowers, laurel, and the seed pods of poppies, tulips, and other flowers; for Christmas, the poinsettia, holly, and evergreen. She also discussed, in some detail, the problem of gathering the flowers, arranging them in containers, and placing them in the room.

Those who were unable to attend her lectures, and would like to learn about inexpensive ways to decorate the house with flowers during the winter may obtain such information by calling on Miss Smith in Room 14 in the Plant Science building.

NEW FOOD BILL KEEPS PRODUCER FROM FRAUD

"Proposed Revision of the Food and Drug Act from the Consumer's Standpoint" was the subject of Mr. W. M. R. Wharton's speech to Domecon faculty and students on Thursday, November 9. Mr. Wharton is Chief of the Eastern Division of the Food and Drug Administration. He was introduced to his audience by Miss Day Monroe, head of the household management department.

The Pure Food and Drug Act was passed in 1906. Since that time, many conditions have developed which make that act deficient in protection to the consumer. Mr. Wharton pointed out, with the aid of an exhibit, the deficiencies of the present act and how some of the prevalent abuses will be corrected in the new bill to be presented to Congress.

Especially did Mr. Wharton emphasize the introduction of regulation of manufacture of cosmetics and the regulation of misleading radio and magazine advertising in the new bill. At the present time the consumer receives no protection from the government in regard to the sale of injurious cosmetics. Many of them contain lead poisons which affect the health of the user. Also the public is induced to buy either useless or injurious products due to the misleading statements in advertising. All this will be abolished through the enforcement of the proposed bill.

Several other improvements over the present act have been made in the new bill. Mr. Wharton pointed out that as matters stand now, the government must prove the label on any product is both false and fraudulent. Since it is difficult to prove that the manufacturer knew his product was fraudulent, conviction in court is often impossible. Under the proposed bill, any product, particularly patent medicines which are proved injurious to the user will be condemned. Mr. Wharton mentioned such products as Lydia Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, Crazy Water Crystals, Ban-zar, Ex-basin as being either harmful or useless. In the category of canned goods, grades will be put on the labels indicating the exact quality of the goods. No fancy packages which are deceptive in appearance as to the amount of content will be allowed. One example which Mr. Wharton cited in this case was that of a chicken dinner put up in glass jars. The center of the jar was found to be hollow, so that the size of the jar did not justify the amount of food in it.

Although the present act has been effectively enforced, Mr. Wharton pointed out that present conditions warrant new authority for the government for protection to the consumer. This protection, provided for in the new bill, will be carried out in intrastate as well as interstate commerce.

**THREE COUNTIES WIN
PROMINENCE AT FAIR**

Franklin county, Chenango county, and Delaware county won the first places in the home bureau exhibit at the State Fair.

Franklin county's exhibit was an insulated and ventilated storage place for vegetables in a cellar in which there is a furnace. Chenango showed methods of upholstering and reconditioning furniture. Delaware demonstrated refinishing furniture woods in the home.

The home demonstration agents of these counties are all Cornell Alumnae: Franklin—Eloise Irish '24; Chenango—Gladys Adams '28; and Delaware—Beatrice Fehr '30.

**TWO STUDENTS ALLOW
METABOLIC EXPERIMENT**

Ruth Ryerson, '35 and Celestine Latus, '35 had tests for basil metabolism taken as a form of laboratory demonstration for Foods 122. The class was given the opportunity to actually see the mechanical method used in hospitals for making these tests.

**READING ROOM OPEN
FOR EVENING STUDY**

The Domecon Reading Room has been opened every evening except Saturday from 7:30 to 9:30. Mrs. W. E. Fleischer (nee Gaskill) has been placed in charge of it. Mrs. Fleischer is a Cornell graduate. She and her husband are studying medicine here. Mr. Fleischer received his doctor's degree in September.

**NURSERY SCHOOL HAS
HOUSE WARMING TEA**

The Nursery School Staff entertained the faculty of the Home Economics College at tea on Friday, November 10. The purpose of the tea was a house warming to initiate the new nursery school of the Martha Van Rensselaer building. The hostesses were Miss Reeves, Miss Fowler, Dr. Waring, Mrs. Junkin and participating students.

**DOMECON ALUMNAE HAVE
ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The Home Economics Alumnae Association elected the following officers by mail ballot for the year 1933-34: President, Mrs. Ruth Rice MacMillan '23; Vice-President, Miss Catherine B. Gifford '29; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Katharine Harris '22; Nominating Committee, Mrs. Ruth Boies Comstock '27, Miss Gladys Adams '28, Miss Lida M. Stephenson '16.

**APARTMENT CO-EDS GIVE
OPEN-HOUSE FACULTY TEA**

Apartment B of the Homemaking Apartments entertained the faculty of the Home Economics College at an open house on Thursday, November 9. Tea was served from 4 to 6. Mrs. Thomas and Miss Callenburg, the directors of the homemaking apartments, were assisted by the Misses Betty Allen, Cleo Angell, Emma Mammel, Florence Gordon, Evelyn Freer, Irma Sherman and Frances Eldridge, all of the class of '34.

DOMECON DITHERINGS

Co-ed answering telephone — "no, she isn't in. Well, I saw her go out and she was dressed so I don't think she'll be back 'till eleven or twelve. Goin' Puritan on us!"

It's great to be fooled but it's hell to know. After seeing the exhibition in Martha Van Rensselaer Hall, it just makes one perspire to think of all the air they sell in pepper boxes. It's fairly upsettin' and have you heard about Lydia—another illusion broken. As for the cosmetics—you just know grandma used them (by the victorian labels).

Who was the fetching red head who insisted upon posing with the fakes, quacks and dupes? You can't be in the limelight all the time—besides the blossom queen's chosen for this year.

Friends—our ditherings are turning soft on you—becoming a regular fashion sheet. Guess what? We started the "Aggie" fad. Business has picked up 'till we have no less than four dashing collegiately about.

Hurry up Repeat! We're going from bad to worse. Is it the bath tub gin or just an optical illusion or do two robed figures really flit back and forth minute by minute between Roberts and the old Domecon building carrying a pile of airy boxes on a rickshaw arrangement? Eleven in the morning is a discouraging time to see such fantastic nightmares.

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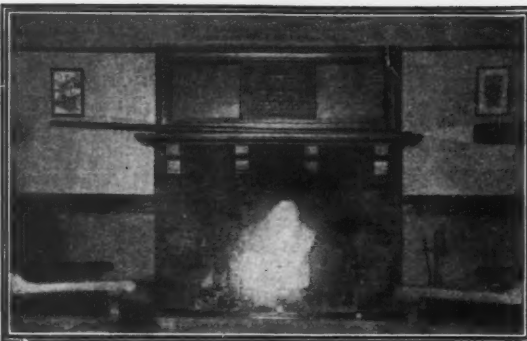
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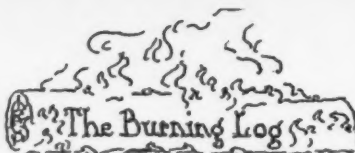
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ACTION ON THE ARNOT

Professor C. H. Guise of the Forestry Department here has kindly consented to give a brief outline of what is happening down on the Arnot Forest in this article. Professor Guise has been in charge of the management of the Forest for some years and at present is the general director of the projects which are to be carried on there by the Civilian Conservation Corps.

A winter camp on the Arnot Forest was authorized early in the fall by the joint action of the Civilian Conservation Corps Administration, the New York State Conservation Department, and the Department of Forestry. The Arnot Forest of 1830 acres offers an ideal location for a winter camp inasmuch as it is a compact unit of forest land which over most of its area is in the need of a great deal of intensive silvicultural work. The area was logged very heavily between the years of 1873 and 1887. Since that time, and prior to 1928, shortly after it came into the possession of the University, it received no care of any description. Lack of necessary funds has kept the University from putting into effect the great improvements needed. The road system, originally well designed has, through lack of maintenance, deteriorated to such an extent that most of the tract is entirely inaccessible except by foot. Small streams following along the old roadbeds have washed out the bridges years ago. The building of six or eight new bridges, ditching, regrading, and surfacing of the old roads, will not only make possible quick access to every part of the property but will also permit the entrance of trucks and teams to the outermost limits of the tract where some of the best of the existing timber stands.

To meet winter conditions the men are housed in wooden barracks. The erection of the barracks was begun October 3 with Lieutenant Harold Janpole of the U. S. Signal Corps in charge. The erection of the entire system of buildings took a little over a month. As this article goes to press the work of erecting the camp is practically completed. The camp consists of five barracks, each 20 by 112 feet designed to accommodate 50 enlisted men. A building of similar proportions is to be used for housing the army officers and supervisory staff of foresters and engineers. Additional buildings consist of a mess hall, also 20 by 223 feet, and two structures somewhat smaller than the rest to be used as an infirmary and recreation hall. There will also be a blacksmith shop and tool house and a garage to



accommodate the motor equipment which is essential to the work projects. Local labor was employed entirely. At times there were as many as sixty carpenters working in addition to a number of laborers.

The camp is in charge of Captain W. L. Harding of the U. S. Marine Corps assisted by Lieutenants Janpole and E. N. Small. Captain Harding and the other army officers have been at the forest for several weeks with an advance contingent of twenty-five men; the full force of workers was expected November 25. The camp superintendent in general charge of the field work is Mr. H. W. Hobbs. Mr. R. P. Pendorf is in charge of road building. Both of these men were transferred to this camp from State Camp 69 in the Adirondacks which was discontinued for the winter. Assisting in the road building are several local foremen. In charge of the silvicultural and stand improvement work are foresters who are recent graduates of the Department of Forestry at Cornell. As this is being written a considerable amount of equipment transferred from other camps has already been received at the forest. Initial projects have been discussed on the ground with the supervisory personnel and work is ready to go forward immediately.

The plans call for a contingent of two hundred workers. The projects to be carried on may be divided into two broad groups. Under the first group is included the building of roads and bridges for the purpose of making the tract accessible for protection, logging, silviculture, and general administration. The other half of the work calls for the silviculture improvement of the tract and includes improvement cuttings, release cuttings, thinnings, planting in the spring, and so forth. A considerable amount of material to be in thinning and improvement cutting will supply the camp this winter with fuel. It is estimated that this alone will take four hundred full cords of wood.

When the projects set forth are accomplished the University will have a forest which will be extremely useful for research as well as one which may be used as a demonstration of intensive Forest Management in medium sized tracts of land.

THE FORESTRY MUSEUM

Many a Cornell Forester has gone through more than two years of his schooling without suspecting that the department possessed a real up-to-the-minute museum. Up until now, the museum has been down in the basement behind locked doors where no one got to see it without special permission. When the State Architect originally planned Fernow Hall, he planned room 118 as the museum. When the Department of Forestry was established, cases were purchased for that room. Due to the necessary overcrowding of the building by various other departments the room was needed for class purposes, and although the Department has always planned to move the museum, it was not until the new buildings on the Ag Campus were finished last year that the outside departments were able to vacate Fernow Hall and room 118 was made available for the purpose originally planned.

The museum is now in the process of being moved and by the time this article is printed will be opened to both the forestry students and any visitors who are interested in forestry and would like to see it. There will be two kinds of exhibits in the museum. The first will be temporary in nature for purposes of class instruction, and the second will be composed of more permanent exhibits. Two cases hold dendrological exhibits including woods of both foreign and native species, two cases hold silvicultural exhibits such as nursery grown planting stock and the seeds and fruits of important timber species, and four cases are given over to management and utilization exhibits. The old museum room has been given over to Professor J. A. Cope, Extension Forester, for extension work exhibits including those during Farmers Week.

FORESTRY CLUB

The denizens of Fernow Hall gathered for their second regular meeting on Tuesday, November 7. After the business session the gang adjourned to Room 210, where a preview of that mighty film epic, "Cornell Foresters in the Fog or, the Conquest of Mount Marcy" filmed, produced, and directed by that sterling camera artist, Max Dercum '34, the terror of the Dakota Badlands. Another film showed the work of erecting the barracks for the C. C. C. contingent on the Arnot Forest. After the pictures were finished cook J. J. "Joe" Davis held forth with his superior brand of cookies, doughnuts, and coffee.

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